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Commerce And Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas Co.

Marlin Lumber Company.

The Marlin Lumber Company started operation in 1920 and finished in 1933, this operation took place at Stillwell, W. Va. about one mile below Marlinton, in what is known as Stillhouse Hollow.

In this company were the following, Dr. M. S. Wilson pres. and E. H. Williams, and Burton Wilson Gen. managers at different times during the operation, among the stockholders in this company were the following Dr. M. S. Wilson (Meritt), George, Nathan and Burton all brothers. A. C. Pifer, E. H. Williams, Lee Barlow, and J. A. McLaughlin.

During their operation at Stillwell they sawed 52,000,000 feet and this came from approximately 13,000 acres this includes land in the Buckley Mountains, on Beaver Creek and Knapps Creek, besides some timber on Browns Creek that was trucked to near Laden Bottom and loaded on the log train. one tract of timber aggregating 9470 acres was formerly owned by Greenbrier River Lumber Co. and covers land on Knapps Creek, Greenbrier River, Improvement Lick Run, Monday Lick Run, Stillhouse Run, Laden Bottom, and Butler Hollow.

They had a single band mill and the sawyer was Floyd Lovelace, *Henry oversholt. at different times.* the lumber grader was Emery Adkison, and James W. Forney run a commissary for the co. they had 2 log engines, one log loader and about 30 log or tr-

ain trucks, John Coffman and Pete Spitzer were engineers. This Co. worked about 75 men besides the work that was done by contractors and among them were A. J. Cook of Seebert and Merèdith logging contractors besides the some 8 or 9 teams of the co.

George Simmons of Hillsboro sawed a set for this Co. on Browns Creek.

Before this operation took place there was one or two farm houses at what was later known as Stillwell but at the last of this operation there were from 8 to 10 houses, a boarding house that was run by Brown McComb and his wife, a school house besides the buildings used by the co and today you find a string of houses here and it is still known as Stillwell, but the school has been discontinued and the children go to Marlinton to school. Part of this area cut over by The Marlin Lumber Co. was land logged in the days of the white pine by Smith & Whiting for the St. Lawrence Boom & Mfg. Co. of Ronceverte.

Rail roads were built from Stillwell up the hollow, up Knapps Creek and up all the hollows of their holdings and if all in one would have made quite a long distance of R.R .

Upon completion this mill was sold for junk thus the passing of one of Pocahontas Countys larger lumber operations , this operation gre-

greatly benefitted Marlinton as it furnished employment to many of her people. and at this time was one of the very few industries operating in this section of the county, therefore the lumbering operations at Stillwell helped to boost the population of Marlinton and made employment for many of her people.

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